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# Routing Update

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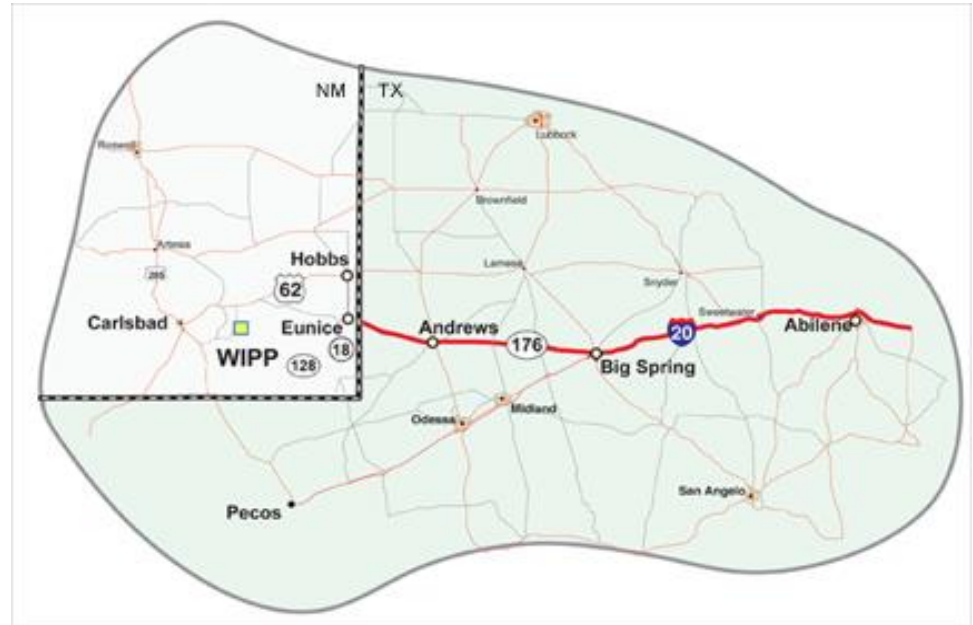
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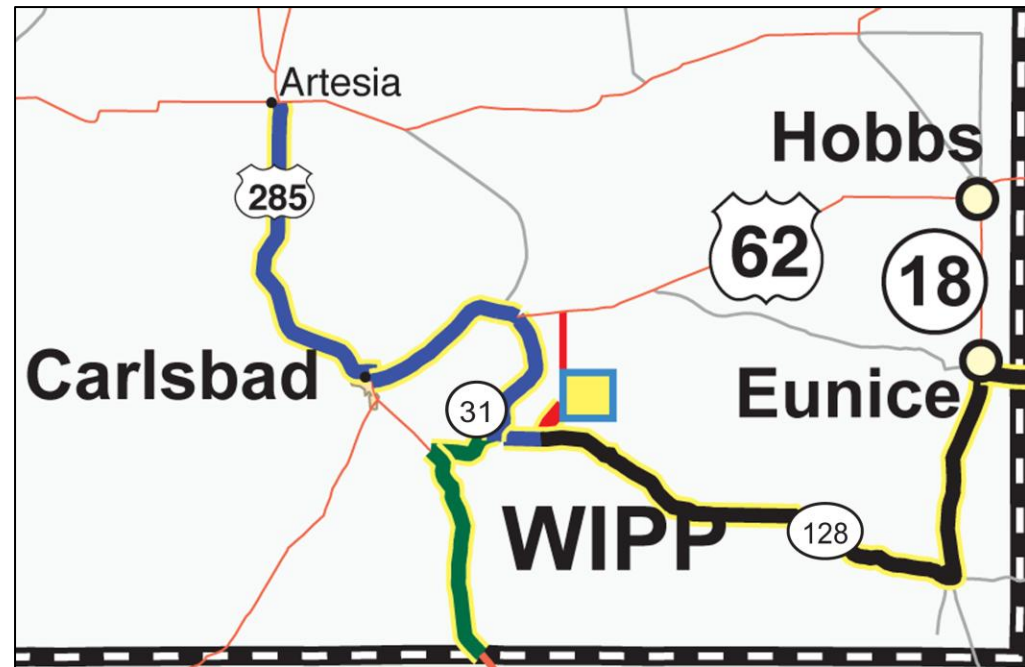
# Alternate Routes in Southwest

- Texas:
  - A request has been submitted to the State requesting the use of TX- 176 from Big Spring, TX to the TX/NM State Line.
  - CBFO currently awaiting a decision from the State.



# Alternate Routes in Southwest

- New Mexico:
  - CBFO currently has three requests before the State Roads commission:
    - Use of NM-31 from US-285 to NM-128 and the WIPP South Access Road.
    - Use of NM-176/US-18 and NM-128 from TX/NM State Line to the WIPP South Access Road.
    - Use of NM-31 from US-62/180 to NM-128 and the WIPP South Access Road. This alternative will be used during periods of construction on the North Access Road.



# Status Update

- Texas
  - Public Postings and Hearings have been held.
  - TX DOH currently preparing letter to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration requesting WIPP Route Change.
  - Anticipate written approval prior to the end of calendar year 2012.
- New Mexico
  - Met with NM Department of Transportation Cabinet Secretary and staff on July 12, 2011 to discuss request for WIPP Route Changes.
  - Submitted formal written request on August 11, 2011.
  - Received word that the NM Department of Transportation would not be approving our request at this time because of unresolved issue with additional Congressional Appropriated road funding.
  - Indicated that New Mexico would be requesting additional meetings to discuss the matter.
  - NM Department of Transportation further stated that once issue was resolved it would take 6-9 months before their letter would be submitted.



# Questions?



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